

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: S. Kau
MASAO KATO	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/725,397	)	
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Filed: December 3, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
APPARATUS AND IMAGE	:	
PROCESSING METHOD	)	January 24, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the December 27, 2007 Election Of Species Requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute Species I. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely, Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 25 to 27, read on Species I. The election is made without traverse.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,  
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